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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This constitutes an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. The attached documents listed on the accompanying "IDS List of References" (a substitute for Form PTO/SB/08) are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention in the patent application identified above.

REMARKS

The presently submitted references i.e., Cite Nos. U1 through U4 and F1 as listed on the IDS List of References, were cited in a communication from the European Patent Office in a counterpart application. Cite F1 alone among the references is not in English.

Concise Explanation of Relevance/Copy of Translation **Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)**

As a concise explanation of the relevance of Cite No. F1, and for the Examiner's reference regarding the relevance of the other of the presently submitted references, a copy of the European Search Report accompanies this paper.

In addition, with the references cited in its search report, the European Patent Office provided a copy of the Japanese Patent Office's English rendering, by Patent Abstracts of Japan (PAJ), of the abstract for Cite No. F1. Accordingly, a copy of the corresponding PAJ abstract is attached to the front of this reference.

STATEMENT AS SPECIFIED IN 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than 3 months prior to the filing of this statement.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these references, and to indicate so on the accompanying IDS List of References and make the document of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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